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SUBJECT:

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TO:

East Region State Conservationists

East Region State Volunteer Coordinators

ACTION REQUIRED BY: June 15, 2006, and July 17, 2006

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) 2006 East Region Earth Team Volunteer Training Conference has been scheduled for August 14-17, 2006, in Charleston, South Carolina.

The conference will be held at the Embassy Suites Historic District, 337 Meeting Street, Charleston, SC, phone 888-448-7829. A block of rooms is being held for USDA-NRCS at the rate of \$89.00 per night plus tax, under the name "ETV" for Earth Team Volunteer." Please contact the hotel to make your reservations by June 15, 2006.

The conference registration deadline is July 17, 2006, and you can register by contacting June Hogg by email at <u>june.hogg@va.usda.gov</u>. Please provide your first and last name, title, address, phone number, and email address.

The per diem rate for Charleston, SC, is \$89 for lodging, and \$54 for M&IE. You may want to visit http://www.sc.nrcs.usda.gov/ET East Conference 2006.html for more information about this event, including the hotel website and online registration, airport/shuttle, and local attractions.

If you have questions, feel free to contact June Hogg at the email address above, or Amy Maxwell at amy.maxwell@sc.usda.gov.

I look forward to seeing you in August!

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